

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A projection optical system projecting light from an original image onto a projection surface, comprising:

5 a plurality of optical elements; and

a first optical system constituted by at least one of the plurality of optical elements and having an ability to form an image with the light onto a predetermined surface different from the projection surface;

10 wherein a first optical element of the plurality of optical elements is rotated substantially around a center of an exit pupil of the first optical system, such that a projection image of the original image is moved.

15 2. The projection optical system according to claim 1, wherein the first optical element is rotated around a point on an optical axis of the first optical system, the point being substantially at a position of the exit pupil of the first optical system.

20 3. The projection optical system according to claim 1, wherein the movement of the projection image is at least one of a parallel movement and a movement in a tilting direction.

25 4. The projection optical system according to claim 1, wherein the first optical system has an ability to image the light from the original image onto a spherical surface whose

curvature center is a point on an optical axis of the first optical system, the center point being substantially at a position of the exit pupil of the first optical system.

- 5 5. The projection optical system according to claim 1,
 wherein the exit pupil of the first optical system is formed
 at a position closer to the projection surface than an optical
 element, which is closest to the projection surface, of the first
 optical system.

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6. The projection optical system according to claim 1,
 further comprising a second optical system arranged at a
 position closer to the projection surface than the first optical
 system;

- 15 wherein the second optical system comprises a curved
 reflective surface.

7. The projection optical system according to claim 6,
 wherein the second optical system comprises a curved and
20 rotationally asymmetric reflective surface.

8. The projection optical system according to claim 6,
 wherein the second optical system forms an intermediate
 image of the original image at a position which is different from
25 the projection surface.

9. The projection optical system according to claim 8,

wherein the intermediate image is formed at a position closer to the original image than the reflective surface, which is closest to the projection surface, of the second optical system.

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10. The projection optical system according to claim 8, wherein the second optical system comprises a plurality of curved reflective surfaces; and

10 wherein the intermediate image is formed between a first reflective surface which is closest to the projection surface side, and a second reflective surface which is the second one counting from the projection surface side, of the curved reflective surfaces.

15 11. The projection optical system according to claim 6, wherein the second optical system comprises four curved reflective surfaces.

12. The projection optical system according to claim 6,
20 wherein the reflective surface, which is closest to the projection surface, of the second optical system is a concave surface.

13. The projection optical system according to claim 6,
25 wherein all reflective surfaces of the second optical system are curved and rotationally asymmetric surfaces.

14. The projection optical system according to claim 6,
wherein the second optical system is rotated around a point
on an optical axis of the first optical system, the point being
substantially at a position of the exit pupil of the first optical
5 system.

15. The projection optical system according to claim 6, further
comprising a third optical system arranged between the first
optical system and the second optical system, the third optical
10 system comprising a rotatable optical element which is rotatable
around a point on an optical axis of the first optical system,
the point being substantially at a position of the exit pupil
of the first optical system.

15 16. The projection optical system according to claim 15,
wherein the rotatable optical element is rotatable in a
plurality of rotational directions around the point.

17. The projection optical system according to claim 15,
20 wherein the rotatable optical element is a reflective
member.

18. The projection optical system according to claim 15,
wherein the third optical system comprises two rotatable
25 optical elements, the two rotatable optical elements being
rotatable in different directions.

19. The projection optical system according to claim 15,
wherein the third optical system comprises a polarization
splitting surface.

5 20. The projection optical system according to claim 15,
wherein the third optical system comprises a 1/4-wave
plate.

21. The projection optical system according to claim 15,
10 wherein the rotatable optical element is a rotatable
mirror.

22. The projection optical system according to claim 1,
wherein the projection optical system projects the light
15 from the original image obliquely onto the projection surface.

23. The projection optical system according to claim 1,
wherein a center line of light reaching a center of the
projection image from a center of the original image is tilted
20 with respect to the projection surface.

24. The projection optical system according to claim 1,
wherein the first optical system comprises a coaxial and
rotationally symmetric lens.

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25. The projection optical system according to claim 1,
wherein the first optical system consists of coaxial and

rotationally symmetric lenses.

26. The projection optical system according to claim 1,
wherein the first optical system includes a curved
5 reflective surface.

27. The projection optical system according to claim 1,
wherein the projection surface is a substantially planar
surface.

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28. The projection optical system according to claim 6, further
comprising an optical deflection element arranged between the
first optical system and the second optical system, the optical
deflection element deflecting a light ray traveling on the
15 optical axis of the first optical system.

29. The projection optical system according to claim 1,
wherein the projection optical system projects light from
a plurality of original images onto the projection surface; and

20 wherein the projection optical system further comprises
a color combining optical system which combines the light from
the plurality of original images, the color combining optical
system being arranged at a position closer to the original image
than the first optical system.

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30. An image projection apparatus comprising:
an image forming element forming an original image; and

the projection optical system according to claim 1.

31. The image projection apparatus according to claim 30,
wherein the image forming element is one of a reflective
5 liquid crystal display element, a transmissive liquid crystal
display element, and a mirror device.

32. An image display system comprising:
the image projection system according to claim 30; and
10 an image information supply apparatus supplying image
information for forming the original image with the image forming
element to the image projection apparatus.